

(c) how far it is legally and aesthetically maintainable and justifiable ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) As per provisions contained in Section 5(2) of the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885, subject to conditions/situation laid down, the Central Government or a State Government or any officer specially authorised in this behalf by the Central Government or a State Government may intercept or detain a message or a class of messages. While R&AW is not concerned with the subject, in the case of CBI the operational requirement necessitates collecting of intelligence on crime including through tapping of phone/cellular phones, after following the due procedure established by law.

(b) All the licensees of Cellular Mobile Telephone Services are governed by the provisions mentioned at (a) above.

(c) As long as the interception/tapping of cellular phones is under the specified provisions contained in Section 5(2) of the said Act viz. on the occurrence of any public emergency, or in the interest of the public safety, it would be legal, maintainable and justifiable.

DOT – Bankrupt

314. SHRI SYDAIAH KOTA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "TRAI order will make DOT bankrupt" appeared in the 'News Times' dated 20.5.97;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to check the loss of revenue pointed therein ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Tariff order of 29.1.97 was for call charges from Fixed to Mobile Telephone subscribers and this was quashed as per judgement of TRAI. Since fixation of Tariff is one of the function of TRAI, Government have filed a Review Petition before TRAI.

[Translation]

Schemes for Supplying Drinking Water with Foreign Assistance

315. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the names of countries assisting the schemes of drinking water and cleanliness in the country and the names of States, with location, where these schemes are being implemented; and

(b) the present status of each of the schemes, State-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KINJARAPPU YERRANNAIDU) : (a) and (b) The required information is given in the enclosed Statement.

Statement

Schemes for Supplying Drinking Water with Foreign Assistance

S. No.	Name of the State	Name of the project and location (District)	Name of the foreign country/agency assisting the scheme	Present status
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	AP-II Kurnool, Prakasam, Madak, Mahaboobnagar	Netherlands	Nearing physical completion.
2.	Gujarat	(i) Sami Harij, Mehsana (ii) Santalpur-II Banaskanta	Netherlands -do-	Partially completed -do-

1	2	3	4	5
3.	Karnataka	(i) RWS-I Dharwad Bijapur (ii) IRS & WS Phase-II Kolar Chitradurga Bijapur (iii) IRWSS Bangalore (Rural) Mandya Mysore Shimoga Bellary Gulbarga Dakshin Kannada Raichur Bider Belgaun Tumkur and Hassan	Netherlands DANIDA World Bank	Contracting procedures are to be concluded and construction to be commenced. Preparatory activities taken up. On-going in Phas-I and preparatory activities are being carried out in Phase-II
4.	Kerala	(i) Kundra Kollam Pattinamihitta (ii) RWSS Pavaratthy Thrissur Palaghat	Netherlands -do-	Nearing completion Nearly half of the project completed.
5.	Maharashtra	(i) MRWSES Thane Pune Satara, Ahmednagar Aurangabad Beed, Latur Buldana Chandrapur (ii) MRWSS Nasik Jalgaon	World Bank ODA	Nearly half completed. Two out of three schemes nearing completion by Sept., 97
Orissa		Community managed water supply improvement. Kalahandi Water supply and sanitation improvement. Phulbani Ganjam	Deptt. of International Development, Water Sanitation office of British High Commision British High Com- mission (WSO) through UNICEF	On-going On-going

1	2	3	4	5
7.	Rajasthan	IWSSCPP Churu Hanumangarh	KFW, Germany	On-going
8.	Uttar Pradesh	(i) UP-SP-IV Allahabad Bhadohi Varanasi	Netherlands	On-going
		(ii) UP-P-VI Lakhimpur Bahraich Gonda Basti Balai Siddharthnagar	-do-	-do-
		(iii) UP-SP-V (Phase-B) (Cleanliness/Sanitation project) Varanasi Raebareli	-do-	-do-
		(iv) UP-SP-VIII Aligarh Moradabad Badaun Unnao Ballia, Kanpur	-do-	-do-
		(v) RWSES Nanital Pithoragarh Dehradun Chamoli Uttar Kashi Pauri Tehri Lalitpur Jalaun Almora Jhansi Hamirpur (include. Mahoba) Banda Udham Singh Nagar	World Bank	under Implementation

1	2	3	4	5
9.	Tamil Nadu	IRS & WS South Arcot Villupuram	DANIDA	Just commenced.
10.	West Bengal	Water Supply and Sanitation Improvement Midnapur	British High Com- mission (WSO) through UNICEF	On-going

Inadequate Postal Network

316. SHRI NARAYAN ATHAWALAY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the difficulties encountered by the people of Mumbai and Suburban areas due to grossly inadequate postal network, for want of space and lack of resources with the Deptt. for undertaking construction activities for establishing new Postal outlets offices;

(b) if so, the actual demand for established Post offices, Area-wise and actual number of New Post offices established during the last three years, area-wise against the demand;

(c) whether the Government have undertaken a review of the position on short term and long term basis keeping in view the prospective need of the people; and

(d) if so, the agenda of action for the current year including setting up Mobile Post offices in areas with grossly inadequate postal facilities ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Demand for opening a post office in the following areas had been received during the past three years;

Sl.No.	Name of proposed post offices
1.	Evershine Nagar, Malad (W) Mumbai
2.	Poonam Nagar, Jageshwari (W) Mumbai
3.	Kasturkar Park, Boriwali (W) Mumbai
4.	P.M.G. (P) Colony, Mumabi
5.	S.R.P.F. Camp, P.O. Goregaon (E) Mumbai

Out of these, S.R.P.F. Colony, P.O. Goregaon (E) was opened 31.3.97. The other four Post offices were sanc-

tioned but could not be opened for want of accommodation.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Position is reviewed periodically, Post Offices are opened subject to norm based justification and availability of resources. In Metropolitan cities, acquiring of accommodation on reasonable rent for housing a post office is a major problem.

During the Annual Plan, 1997-98, it is proposed to set up three Departmental Sub Post Offices in Maharashtra Postal Circle. There is no policy to provide Mobile Post Offices at present.

Complaints received by Department of Posts

317. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Department of Posts received complaints from the senders of Registered AD Letters and Registered Letters about the non receipt of Acknowledgement Receipts for which they pay extra money; and

(b) if so, the remedial measures Government contemplate to take to ensure that the Acknowledgment Receipts are delivered to the senders ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Instructions are issued from time to time to ensure proper delivery of the Registered letters/Acknowledgment Card for which a record is kept. The Department has improved upon the size and thickness of the Acknowledgement Card to enable quick identification and easy handling. Customer Care Centres have been set up in important cities to monitor and ensure prompt redressal of grievances including those relating to delivery of Registered letters with Acknowledgments Receipts.

Licences to I.I.T.L., Mumbai

318. SHRI JANG BAHADUR SINGH PATEL : Will the